

SERIAL STORY

Mr. Barnes, American

By
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A Sequel to
Mr. Barnes of New York

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"Mr. Potter of Texas,"
"That Frenchman," Etc.

SYNOPSIS.

Burton H. Barnes, a wealthy American, is in Corsica, where he has just married the young English heiress, Edith. He is accompanied by his friend, the American, and his friend, the American, who is a detective. The story is a sequel to "Mr. Barnes of New York," "Mr. Potter of Texas," and "That Frenchman," etc.

CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

"You can wager your grog money, Barnes, you'd be happier if you'd spiced before taking this cruise," observes Anstruther, sotto voce to his friend. "You'd have a bride with you, like me. Now, no danger of pirates boarding us, Marina and I can forget care for a few days in—love."

"You may, I cannot," remarks Burton, grimly.

"Ah, Edith's a little offish, is she? Won't come up even and say good-night?" grins the sailor. "Didn't like your not accepting what was offered you, eh? When you get a chance take it, my hearty, especially with girls. Now if you'd hunted up the minister, as I recommended to-day, you wouldn't have to stow yourself away on the cabin settee to-night."

This sea-dog suggestion is so disquieting that poor Burton paces the deck and sighs.

The boat has now returned, and as the men scramble on deck, Edwin demands: "Did you put your passenger on shore at Bandol?"

"Aye, aye, sir, but the loon went up the dock as cautious as if he feared land sharks."

This revives in Barnes' mind Emory's warning, "Suspect everybody!" The vessel is soon under way again. He paces the deck smoking his cigar and thinking: "No one can board us in all probability unobserved. We are safe here with the Scotch crew and the Scotch mate." Suddenly the cigar drops from Barnes' fingers; with a start he mutters to himself: "By heaven, no Scotchman ever concocted that fillet mignon and that creme d'asperge. There's one man on this boat I must keep my eye upon."

"Thinking of land sharks," laughs Anstruther, slapping him on the back.

"No," answers Barnes, shortly, "I was meditating on our French cook!"

CHAPTER V.

"For the Love of Heaven Don't Kill the Cook!"

To this rather astonishing announcement the young English naval officer says: "By Jove, the beggar did give us a good dinner."

"Too good!" remarks Barnes, gloomily.

"You wouldn't say that," replies Edwin, "if you had been knocking round the orient on wardroom commons for the last year. What do you mean by 'too good'? No cook is too good."

"And yet I'd feel easier," is Burton's comment, "if the fellow had given us lob-scouse, plum-duff, roast beef and dishes a plain Johnny Bull cook would have been apt to concoct. I don't propose to blindly trust anyone with foreign associations. They may be all right, and they may not. So I'm going to investigate this fellow."

"If you find anything suspicious about him," replies Anstruther, grimly, "I'll put him ashore if he can make salt horse taste like broiled chicken."

Acting on this, by a few deft questions to the members of the watch on deck, Barnes discovers that the nautical chef's name is Felix Leboeuf. "That's as I twang it," remarks Gillie, who is standing at the wheel giving him the information. "Cousin, Mr. Jamieson's regular cook, went along with him to the odd country, and this chief only came aboard to-day to take his place in the galley."

"Hum, a new arrival?"

"Aye, sir, and the men dinna like him o'er muckle. Thae loon puts garlick in th' lob-scouse."

At this Barnes laughs slightly, strolls

forward and takes a look into the cook's galley. The fires are out and the regular snoring that issues from it shows the Frenchman is asleep upon his cook chest. "I don't think I'll trouble him to-night," sleepily thinks the American, hesitating to disturb the rest of an artist who had given him such a dinner, "but to-morrow morning I'll have a chat with Monsieur of the dishpans."

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MINES AND MINING

The Sunnybrook Coal company is soon to begin shipping from its mine in Carbon county to the Salt Lake market 100 tons of coal a day.

More than 200 coke ovens in the Norfolk and western fields of Virginia, which have been idle for almost a year, resumed operations last week.

The Mohawk-Jumbo lease has just declared a dividend of \$18,000, bringing the total of dividends paid to date up to \$189,000, says the Wood River Times.

The mine operators of Arizona reported to the United States geological survey for the calendar year 1907 a production of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc valued at \$55,511,560.

President White of the United Mine Workers is at Lewiston, Mont., from Indianapolis, in an endeavor to settle a coal miners' strike at the Gebu mines, which has continued for a month.

A good vein of white lead and lead galena has been struck in the Scott mine in the Birch creek section of Idaho. There is every prospect that this will develop into one of the best mining properties in the section.

Good pinnings are being secured in the north drift on the 200-foot level on the Harris lease on the estate of the Seven Troughs Mining company. Coarse free gold for the first time in the present vein shows in the pan.

The Independent Smelting company's plant north of Ogden has been closed down temporarily, for the making of alterations and repairs. The management says that is the only reason for the closing down at this time.

The Backhorn people, in the Seven Troughs district, are to turn their attention to mill building, the recent returns received from their ore having convinced them that a mill will be a necessary and a profitable addition.

It is announced that H. C. Bellinger, for some time chief metallurgist of the Helzner staff, has accepted the position of metallurgical director of the Great Cobar mines in Australia, the largest producers of copper in the country.

The picture ore of the Wihuja lease below the water level, according to a prominent Salt Lake, who has just returned from the Seven Troughs district, is a black sulphide identical in appearance with the famous Mohawk high grade.

Some excellent samples are being taken from the property of the Step-top Lead and Copper company in the Duck Creek, Nevada, section. The ore averages 8.5 ounces silver and 60 per cent lead, with 80 cents gold values as well.

Cobalt's output for 1908 will amount to nearly 20,000,000 ounces of silver. This will mean over \$10,000,000, and when the mine owners receive smelter returns for cobalt, nickel and arsenic, the returns will be higher, says the Boston Commercial.

The Brown & Chingren group of claims in the Washakie, Nevada, district, has been sold to a strong syndicate which promises to inaugurate at once an active campaign of development. The owners of the group received a substantial payment.

In response to his telegrams protesting against the removal of the tariff on lead, Governor Cutler of Utah received reassuring word from Washington, D. C., that every effort will be made by the Utah delegation to maintain the existing schedule.

At the depth of 100 feet in its double compartment shaft the Tintic Combination Mining company, operating in East Tintic, has encountered, the management reports, the same kind of lime and the identical quartz that is found on the surface of the Sioux Consolidated company's Phoenix claim.

The construction of a concentrator early next spring and the erection of an ore house in which to store ore as may be taken from the property in the meantime, are the two chief improvements contemplated by the management of the Alice mine, located on Ruddy gulch between Wallace and Mullan.

The greatest strike ever made on the Nevada Hills property at Fairview, Nevada, has just been announced. On the 300 level the company has found a vein of ore, picked samples from the sulphides running 20 ounces gold and 750 ounces silver per ton. The strike has created considerable excitement.

Prof. J. H. Weber, well known mining expert, recently made a report on the Idaho Gem mine, near Montpelier, Idaho, in which he fully confirms the belief of the management that it has an excellent chance of making the Gem a very rich mine. Bunches of high-grade lead ore are found throughout an extensive mineral zone.

The history of Idaho begins with the discovery of gold on Oro Fino creek in 1860. In that year Captain Pierce led a company of 40 men from Walla Walla directly to the Nez Perce country. Pierce City was founded on Oro Fino creek and before spring there were 300 men in the district, and a month later more than 1,000.

Another promising mining property of Ploche district to pass into new hands for development is the Road-side group of claims on the east end of the district, which has just been taken over by a syndicate composed of Portland, Salt Lake and Ploche capitalists.

The Lincoln mining property, one of the best developed and most valuable properties in the Pearl district of Idaho, was sold at receiver's sale last week for \$11,000. It is announced that a company is to be formed and the development of the property resumed at once.

NORTHWEST NOTES

Coyotes, driven from the mountains by hunger, invaded the Columbia gardens at Butte and devoured a number of birds in the zoo there.

The Will House saloon in Butte was laid up and the cash register relieved of \$30. Several persons were in the saloon at the time. Two suspects are under arrest.

The Round Mountain Banking corporation of Round Mountain, a town sixty miles north of Tonopah, Nevada, has closed its doors. Bad loans are given as the cause.

After an enforced vacation, owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria, the agricultural college at Bozeman, Mont., has been reopened, as well as the other schools of the town.

A Butte dispatch announces that steel laying on those sections of the St. Paul railroad which crosses the Rocky Mountains stopped on December 3, and will not be resumed until the snows thaw next spring.

It is announced that Bishop Frank Spaulding, in charge of the Episcopal diocese of Utah, with headquarters at Salt Lake, will have charge of the western Colorado diocese, succeeding the late Bishop Knight.

For the first time in many years eggs are quoted on the Butte market at 80 cents a dozen. At that price fresh eggs are scarce, and it is predicted that there will be a still further advance.

Two of Butte's most prominent brokers engaged in a gun-play in the heart of the city. In a quarrel over a stock deal Samuel Alexander attempted to shoot Bart Monahan, but was prevented by bystanders.

C. B. Davis, a laborer, was struck by a Southern Pacific fast freight near Inlay, Nev., and crushed almost beyond recognition. It is supposed he fell asleep on the track. Relatives are thought to live in Denver.

The coroner's jury has exonerated young Hume Hahn of Helena for the alleged killing of Mark Andsen, a farm hand, with whom he engaged in a quarrel. The jury accepted Hahn's version that it was a case of self-defense.

Because Joe Grimminni, her rejected lover, called her a vile name, Louise Tolnois tried to kill him when she met him on the street in Reno, Nev. She fired five times, one shot taking effect in his leg, the others going wild.

Two bandits who attempted to hold up a saloon in Goldfield were surprised by the resistance of the bartender, who put up such a strenuous fight that the bandits were routed. A number of shots were fired, but no one was hurt.

Through the accidental explosion of twenty-two sticks of dynamite J. R. Dermand, a contractor of Great Falls, Mont., lost the sight of both eyes, a large part of his face is gone, there is a hole in the top of his head and he is likely to die.

Chief Dispatcher Keeley has been exonerated from all blame in connection with the wreck on the Northern Pacific at Olive, Mont., last September, in which half a dozen persons lost their lives, by the coroner's jury, sitting at Plains, Mont.

E. E. Carney, a lineman, was electrocuted while at work in Reno, Nevada. Four thousand volts passed through his body, and he hung limp across the wire until the horrified spectators telephoned the station house and the current was turned off.

The secretary of state of the state of Washington has made the following official return of the vote for President at the recent election: Presidential electors—Republican, 106,062; Democrats, 58,383; Taft's plurality, 47,679; Socialist Presidential, 14,177; Independence, 248; Prohibition, 4,790.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Miles City, Mont., by the Montana, Wyoming & Southern railway, a duplicate of the papers filed with the state of Wyoming at Cheyenne, Sept. 29. The capital stock of the corporation is given at \$5,000,000, and provides for the right of construction of a railroad from Wyoming points through Custer country.

As the result of a conflagration at Bridger, Mont., the Bridger State bank, the offices of the Bridger Coal company and the confectionery store of Warren T. Baker were totally destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$20,000. The loss was covered by insurance.

Sam H. Treloar has resigned as leader of the famous Boston and Montana band of Butte and will go to Utah as general manager of the Bingham-Butte Consolidated company's property at Wingham. Treloar is a prominent mining man of Butte.

The prospecting for and the developing of silver properties in the state of Montana has practically ceased, according to the report of the mine inspector, except in mines where the ore is exceptionally high class, but the production has decreased but little if any.

James Geary, formerly county commissioner of Deer Lodge county, Mont., and later a merchant in Helmsville, Mont., committed suicide last week. He was despondent over the death of his wife. Geary was a pioneer merchant, having located in Montana in 1876.

Chief of Police Jack Flannery of Helena, who is an old-time baseball player, is endeavoring to secure a place for Helena in the Northwestern league to take the place of Butte, the latter town having been dropped from the league because of lack of patronage last season.

NEWS SUMMARY

While playing on thin ice at Boston, three children were drowned.

In response to an invitation to visit San Diego, Cal., this summer, President-elect Taft announces that he will be unable to accept.

Proclamations of the secret revolutionary organization have been posted in Teheran, condemning the shah to death for violating the constitution.

William Gray, a prospector, died at The Needles, Cal., after several hours of terrible agony from burns received in the explosion of a can of gasoline.

Miss Estelle S. Stout, who shot and killed a picture agent whom she declared had attacked her sister, was discharged from custody by a Chicago jury.

Charles Stewart, the negro convicted of stealing a registered mail pouch in Kansas City, the pouch containing \$50,000, has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

A Washington dispatch announces that Dr. Charles P. Neil, commissioner of labor, in a short time will be reappointed to his present position by President Roosevelt.

Crackmen blew open with nitroglycerine the United States postoffice at Gingsburg, Cal., and an office safe in the merchandise store of S. Davis, securing about \$1,000.

Timothy R. Palmer, who last week resigned as president of the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance company, has committed suicide, shooting himself through the head.

A revolution has begun in Salvador under the leadership of former Vice-President Prudenelto Alfaro. The cities of Abuchapan, Ucutulan and Santana have been captured by the revolutionists.

A telegram from French West Africa says that a detachment of French Spahis have had a serious engagement with a band of Moors. The French lost in killed, one lieutenant and twelve privates.

It is announced that Mulai Hafid, the new sultan of Morocco, has definitely accepted the Algerian act and the attendant conditions laid down by the powers for the recognition of his sultanate.

Robbers blew open the safe in the postoffice at Downey, and Avenue street, Los Angeles, and made their escape with the contents. It is announced that they secured less than \$100 for their trouble.

The United States and Germany have arranged for a postal rate on letters between the two countries of 2 cents instead of the existing rate of 5 cents. The new rates will go into effect on January 1.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt on December 2 celebrated in a quiet way the anniversary of their marriage at St. George's church in London twenty-two years ago. No formal function was arranged.

After an idleness of thirteen months the open hearth department of the Illinois Steel company plant at South Chicago has reopened and 1,000 men are again at work. Preparations are being made to open five other blast furnaces.

John Armstrong Chanler, the former husband of Amelie Rives, the authoress, has brought suit at Charlottesville, Va., in an effort to establish his sanity and recover his fortune, which he alleges was confiscated by New York courts.

What is believed to be an infernal machine, placed there with sinister motives, was found in the Western Pacific construction yards at Stockton, Cal., under a pile of ties. It consisted of a two gallon can of dynamite to which was attached a fuse.

Mrs. Amanda Warner, niece of the late Don Pio Pico, last governor of California under Mexican rule, committed suicide at Los Angeles by drinking poison. She had been afflicted with nervous trouble and feared this would lead to insanity.

The annual report of Mine Inspector Walsh of Montana shows that the mining industry in Montana was never in better condition than at present, more mines being worked, with more men employed than ever before in the history of the state.

Adlai Stevenson purposes a contest against Charles S. Deneen for the governorship of Illinois. The Democratic candidate has come to the conclusion that he received a majority of the votes cast as between himself and Governor Deneen at the recent election.

Robert F. Maddox was elected mayor of Atlanta, Ga., by a majority of more than 3,000 votes over James G. Woodward, regular Democratic nominee, and twice mayor of the city. This ends the most unusual and exciting municipal campaign Atlanta has ever witnessed.

Secretary Wilton last week declared that the foot and mouth disease among cattle which was prevalent in the states of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, was now under control. It is estimated that 1,000 animals suffering have been destroyed.

Dr. B. F. Brayfield of Mulkeytown, Ill., has been indicted on charges of murder and forgery growing out of the deaths of his wife and Reuben F. Parrish, and the subsequent efforts of Brayfield to collect life insurance from fraternal orders of which the deceased were members.

The will of Delos A. Blodgett, multi-millionaire lumberman of Michigan, who died a month ago, has been made public. The bulk of the estate, estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, is left in trust to the three young children of Mr. Blodgett by his second marriage.